ROASTED TO DEATH.

Seven Brave Firemen Killed in Baltimore, Md.

Property Worth a Million and a Half Destroyed.

en of the largest business houses on Hops place, Baltimore, Md., were destroyed fire, and while trying to extinguish the flames seven firemen lost their lives and two were seriously injured. The fire was discovered at about half past four in the toy warehouse of E. A. Prior & Co. by a policeman on the beat. Chief Henneck, soon after his arrival, saw that it was going to be a stubborn fire, and directed a general alarm to be turned in, bringing to the scene the entire department. By the time the firemen got to work the entire building was in flames, the toys with which the warewas in flames, the toys with which the ware-house was stocked burning like tinder wood. Finding it impossible to save this structure the chief had his men direct their efforts toward saving the adjoining buildings. The wind was blowing a perfect gale at the time, and soon swept the flames into the hardware store of Tabb Brothers & Dim-marks along warehouse adjoining that of

hardware store of Tabb Brothers & Dim-mock, a large warehouse adjoining that of Prior & Co. The flames then attacked Winkelman & Co.'s drug house, and the three big buildings blazed together, throw-ing out a light that could be seen from every part of the city.

Suddenly and without warning an explo-

sion in the Prior Building shook to the very foundations every house in the block. The firm carry, in addition to the stock of toys and china ware, an assortment of fire-works, which were stored in the basement. When the fire reached the explosives, of When the fire reached the explosives, of which there were some 15,000 cases, the result can be imagined. The walls, already skaky, were lifted from their foundations and fell with a crash. Fortunately, none of the firemen had ventured into this building, and this explosion did not cause loss of life.

The flames, now released from all restraint, shot in every direction, and soon the entire

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A hole had been cut through the wall to enable the men to play on Tabb's storehouse, and they did good work. Encouraged by their success a number of other firemen climbed higher. They were strung along the stairs and were easing the hose upward. Then began a series of explosions which sounded to the firemen like a cannonading. The firemen could not imagine what it was.

All this happened after the Prior House had fallen, and still the firemen stuck to their posts. The cannonading kept up, and Captain John J. Leddon, who was standing without, giving orders, noticed that the walls of the Winkelman building were slowly parting. He saw the danger and called to the men to come out. He repeated the cry, and those out. come out. He repeated the cry, and those standing at the foot of the steps rushed out. Those above, however, did not get the warning in time, but when they realized the ing in time, but when they realized the danger they started out on a run. Before they could get to the door there was a tremendous explosion, more deafening than any that had yet been heard, followed by a crash. The wal's had fallen in and bore each floor down under its weight. As it tell one of the firemen. John each floor down under its weight. As it fell one of the firemen, John Murphy, was standing at the door. He was shot out into the street, and exaped without injury, but the same wall which saved Murphy caused the death of three of his companions who were immediately behind him. It closed each of the three doors that the three tends as they swing to that led to the street, and as they swung to they shut in the others. Had they been three seconds quicker they would have been saved. The beams and timbers fell upon them and crushed the life out of two, while the third was terribly hurt. McAfee, Lecombe, Ryan and Kearns were caught fur-ther back and borne down. When the walls fell Captain Brannan of No. 2 Truck was coming down from the third story. Kelly was immediately behind him, burnt, bleeding, and terribly hurt. Brannan hauled the injured man through a window and succeeded in pulling him to a place of safety.

As soon as the walls fell the firemen ceased playing on the building, and directed their attention to their buried comrades. All day

attention to their buried comrades. All day long the firemen worked to recover the bodies, and succeeded in getting out all except two, those of Ryan and Leconb. The intense must several times drove the firemen from the building where the bodies were lying under tons of brick and iron, but they persisted in the search, and soon after noon the first body, that of Wagner, was brought to light. Near the spot was the body of Henry Walker, standing erect, as though packed in. Near him was found what was left of George Bowers, but no other bodies were found until nearly 6 o'clock, when that of George Kearns was uncovered. The bodies were terribly disfigured the flesh being burned off in many places. The saidest death is that of Harry Waiker. Though a young man, he was one of the bravest and most daring on the force. the bravest and most data.

Five years ago a medal was awarded him for saving the lives of three children him for saving dwelling. He was drum from a burning dwelling. He was drum major of the American Band and Drum Corps, composed of the boys, and when they heard of their leader's death they flocked to the ruins and cried bitterly.

The row of buildings was one of the finest

in the city, none of the warehouses being less than five stories high nearly all of them being newly erected. Among the buildings partially burned was the Maternite, on Lombard street. Its inmates were removed with difficulty. The total loss will probably reach \$1,500,000.

DISTILLED VS. MALT DRINKS

Internal Revenue Report on the Consumption of Liquors.

Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue Henderson has prepared a statement of the per capita consumption of whisky, beer, etc., at the present day as compared with the consumption per capita forty-seven years ago, before the enactment of the internal revenue laws imposing a tax on the same. It shows that the consumption per capita Ing the year ended June 30, 1840, to be as follows: Distilled spirits, 2.52 proof gallons; wines, 0.29 gallon; malt liquors, 1.36 gallons, making a total of all wines and liquors of 4.17 gallons. Since then there has of 4.17 gallons. Since then there has been a steady diminution in the per capita consumption of distilled spirits, and a cor-responding increase in the consumption of malt liquors. The per capita consumption during the year ended June 30, 1887, was as follows: Distilled spirits, 1.19 gallons; wines, 0.54 gallon; malt liquors, 11.98 gallons, making a tota! of 13.68 gallons.

A CENTENNARIAN DEAD.

Colonel George L. Perkins. of Con

Colonel George L. Perkins, for fifty years Treasurer of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, died of old age Wednesday even

Railroad, died of old age Wednesday evening at the Fort Griswold House, in Groton, Conn., where, with his family, he was spending his annual vacation.

He had been failing for a week, but was conscious until within an hour of his death. He had voted for every President since Madison, was a paymaster in the war of 1812, organized the first Sunday-school in Norwich, was organizer of the Park Congregational Church and honorary member of the State Firemen's Benevo'ent Association, and an honorary member of the Arcanum Club. honorary member of the Arcanum Club. He was one hundred years and one month old. His centennary, which occurred re-cently, was made the occasion for a monster reception and complimentary celebration in his honor.

FURIOUS WATERSPOUTS.

Thirteen Drowned at Hot Springs, Ark., and Six at Pueblo, Col.

The destruction and devastation by waterspout at Hot Springs, Ark., were appalling. The house occupied by Mrs. Mattie Fletcher was fir t swept away, and she, with her four children, was lost. The todies of her four children, was lost. The bodies of a woman and her one-day-old baby were found in the rear of the Waverly Hotel. Sev eral persons, nearly all colored, perishel, but their names could not be ascerta ned. There have been thirteen hodies recovered. A party of six tired cowboys went to sleep in a camp at Pueblo, Col. A waterspout burst, which formed a stream six feet deep, and all the party was drowned. Their bedievere found scattered along the bed of the

stre m.

A waterspout burst at Flemingsburg, Ky.

Many bridges and trestles were washed
away, and great damage done to crops.

MR. OSBORNE, a Cincinnati caligraph operator, wrote correctly 627 words in five minutes, and will hold the championship of the world until this record is broken.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States. ELIAS KOHN, an insane old man, killed his wife in Sixth street. New York city, and then committed suicide. FRANK W. PRICE killed an unknown burg

lar who was robbing his store at Clifton Mass. In response to a lengthy petition of citizens of the Fifth Congressional District, Bos-ton, Mass., General Banks has consented to

the use of his name as the Republican candi-date for the Congressional nomination. LABOR DAY was universally observed in

the great cities of the country by parades composed of the various trades unions. THE Democrats of Connecticut assembled in Convention at New Haven and placed in the field a complete State ticket, headed by Judge Luzon B. Morris for Governor.

THE State Convention of New Hampshire Republicans met at Concord and nominated David H. Goodell, of Antrim, for Governor. THE Connecticut State Labor Convention was held at New Haven. Albert F. Andrews

Five men were killed at Monroe, N. H., by the fall of a bank of earth and rock. THE Gubernatorial election in Vermont resulted in the Republicans carrying the State by an increased majority over that of

was nominated for Governor.

South and West. A WOMAN named Thompson recently gave birth to a child at New Lisbon, Ohio, and her celebrated the event by getting nusand celebrated the event by getting drunk. This so preyed upon her mind that she arose from bed with the child, and going to a small brook near the house lay down in the water. Mother and child were both

P. W. VAN ANTWERP, a Cincinnati officer. attempted to arrest Frank Kline, a notorious train robber, in Chicago, when Kline killed him by crushing his skull with some blunt weapon and escaped.

Wife murderer Burke Mitchell, colored, has been hanged at Houston, Texas. WIDESPREAD prairie fires have devastated the pasture ranges of Northern Montana, between Maria's River and Sweet Grass Hills.

GEORGE W. Cox has been hanged at San Andreas, Cal., for the murder of his son-in-law, Henry G. Cook, last November. Cox manifested the utmost indifference as to his

THE valley in which Hot Springs, Ark., is situated was swept by a mighty tidal wave, which destroyed six lives and inflicted dam-age to the extent of \$100,000. A Young man named Hare shot and killed

two other young men while returning from church, near Parkersburg, W. Va. A BATTLE was fought in No Man's Land between eighteen horse thieves and a force of fifty Colorado settlers, and all the outlaws were killed, together with three of the vigi-lantes.

FIRE in a hotel at West Superior, Wis., caused a loss of six lives. By the explosion of the boiler of the Perry

Stove Works, at South Pittsburg, Tenn., six workmen were instantly killed. AT Delhi, Ohio, a Mr. Steinle discovered that his wife and two children had been drowned, and it is believed that the mother in a fit of insanity dragged the children into the river with her. They were a girl and a boy nine and ten years old.

A LARGE storage tank at Oil Centre, Ohio, burst and the oil taking fire burned three

RETURNS from the Arkansas State election show that the Democratic ticket was elected by a majority of over thirty thousand. SAMUEL WHEELER, aged sixteen, of Staunton, Ind., was impaled on a broken pitchfork and died in great agony.

The wholesale grocery and supply store of Klauben & Levi, at San Diego, Cal., was entirely destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$245,000. THE Centennial Exposition held at Colum-

bus, Ohio, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the settlement of the North-western Territory, has been formally opened by Governor Foraker. An Italian and two Germans who were

walking on the track in Chicago were struck and killed by the fast freight train. THE bodies of two wealthy young men, S-Morris Wain, of Philadelphia, and Charles L. Strong, of New York City, have been found on the plains near Rock Springs, Wy-

oming. They were on a hunting expedition and it is supposed they were murdered by their guide. Washington.

THE annual report of the Postmaster-General shows a large-increase in postal business during the past year. The number of Presi-dential postoffices has increased from 2336 to 2502, and the salaries paid Presidential post-masters have amounted to \$4,202,800.

THERE has been passed in the House of Representatives a very stringent bill against Chinese immigration, and it was immediately sent to the Senate, where it was at once reported and debate on it began.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has nominated Charles E. Boyle of Pennsylvania to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Washing-

ton Territory. Mr. A. L. DRUMMOND, who for more than seventeen years has been a member of the Secret Service Division of the United States

Treasury, and for more than nine years the Chief of the service in New York city, has sent his resignation to Washington.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the forfeiture of the contract with E. F. Goebel, of Chicago, for the construction of the Postoffice building at Brooklyn, N. Y., and the forfeiture also of the \$1000 which accompanied his bid. He was to erect the structure for \$600,000 the structure for \$600,000.

Foreign.

At Einerz, Hungary, a man murdered his ve children and then committed suicide. CHINA refused to ratify the American

THE infant son of Emperor William has been baptized. He was christe ned Oscar Carl Gustav Adolph.

WHILE Bishop du Rousseau was addressing 5000 pilgrims in a church at Jumet, Bel-gium, a platform collapsed, killing three

THE British steamers Cairo and Snaresrashed into each other off Tarifain a brook crashed into each other off Tarifain a fog. The Snaresbrook was sunk and eleven of her crew drowned.

A VERY serious emeute occurred in the Philippine Islands, growing out of the refusal of the natives, including ten thousand Indians, to pay newly imposed taxes. During a riot a number of rebels and one policeman

AT Tokushing, a town of Awa Province, Japan, a storm occurred causing an inunda-tion, by which 180 houses were destroyed and forty-six persons drowned.

THE floods in Bohemia have reached alarming proportions. At Budweis fifteen thousand persons are homeless. The inhabit-ants have taken refuge in the hills.

Six villages in the valley of the Poprad. Austria, have been submerged. The villa-gers fled to the mountains. Crops and granaries have been swept away.

A BIG BRIDGE COMPLETED.

The Structure Over the Hudson at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Finished.

High upon the symmetrical interlacings of the iron work of the Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Bridge a group of prominent citizens and city officials gathered Thursday afternoon to witness the closing of the gap in spans five and s x, and the completion of the double in-tersecting truss and triple cantilever spanned bridge over the Hudson River at that point Precisely at twenty minutes to seven P. M. Chief Engineer O'Rourke gave the signal, and the giant pin that fastened the twer cords of the span was driven in and the bridge was formally declared closed. Simultaneously a cannon that had been hoisted to the trust the light of the light of beloned forth a salute. the top of the bridge beloned forth a salute. The party crossed the newly erected iron-work and now proudly claim the honor of being the first to cross the Poughkeepsie

bridge.
From the commencement of the work, two years ago, to its completion, there has not been a hitch.

The bridge is 4000 feet in length. Including

ches. it is 6777 feet long. The esti-\$5,00 1,0:10. Railroad connections with Pennsylvania

and the East will be effected n a few months, and trains will be running over the structure. The Bridge Company tendered a banquet to their employes at the Arington Cafe in commemoration of the event. Covers were laid for three hundred.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

Annual Statements from Various Government Officers.

The Communication from the Superintendent of Foreign Mails.

The annual report of the United States Superintendent of Foreign Mails Bell shows that the total cost of the service for the last fiscal year was \$190,067, of which amount \$26,649 was the transportation of mails of foreign origin. The transatlantic steamship foreign origin. The transatlantic steamship companies received \$353,262, or an increase of \$38,862 over last year; the Pacific steamship companies, \$37,302, or \$1,163 less than last year; and the Central and South American service cost \$58,553, or \$7137 more than last year. The estimated cost of the service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, aggregates \$760,000 gates \$760,000. The report shows that the first parcel post

The report snows that the transfer of the convention ever concluded between the United States and any foreign country was that of October 1, 1887, with Jamaica. Since that of October 1, 1887, with Jamaica. Since that date conventions have been concluded with Barbadoes, the Bahamas, British Honduras and Mexico. The conclusion of the convention with Mexico, the report says, "is of special importance, as that country, with its large population and with rapidly developing industries, naturally looks to the United States for every possible with its interestications and produced of commercial." aid in strengthening the bonds of commercial relations between the two great sister repub-lics, whose interests are the same, and it will be found that new and hitherto almost inac-cessible markets have been opened to Ameri-can merchants. Parcel post conventions are now pepding with all the Central and South American States, and it is hoped that the time is not far distant when the three Americas will be embraced in one grand parcel post union which will, in its way, aid this country in ful-filling its eventual mission, viz. to control the markets of this hemisphere and become the leader in its industrial and commercial

progress."
The report says the system of paying for the mails as cargo, at so much a pound, has proved so advantageous that it is hoped there will be no return to the old method, involving the payment of sub-sidies for the mail service. If it should be the pleasure of Congress to make an appropriation to aid American steamers plying in trade with foreign ports, it would be a detriment to the efficiency of the foreign mail service to charge it with the adminis-tration of such an appropriation.

Disposition of Public Lands. The annual report of the Commissioner of the United States General Land Office shows that during the year ended June 30, 1888, there were made 59,095 cash land entries of all classes, aggregating 5,907,254 acres, for which the Government received \$11,203,071. Of these cash entries, 8318 were sales of land subject to private entry; 23,151 were sales of land subject to pre-emption entry; 1314 were sales of mineral lands; 14,208 were commuted homestead entries; 2385 were original and final entries under the desert land act, and 152 were sales of coal lands. The sales of timber and stone lands aggregate 2420 entries, nearly all of which were made in California. The whole number of entries of all classes, including Indian lands, made during the year was 255, 119, that during the year ended June 30, 188

dian lands, made during the year was 255,119, embracing 24,485,833 acres. The total receipts of the foregoing were \$13,522,185. Of the whole number of entries. 46,236 were original homesteads, embracing 6,676,616 acres: 22,413 were final homestead entries, embracing 3,175,400 acres, and 24,472 were timber culture entries, having an area of 3,733,305 acres. This wear the land granted railroads. acres. This year the land grantel railroads made 40,786 selections embracing 9,525,-300 acres. Under school, swamp land and other grants by the Government to the several States and Territories, 8029 selections were made, covering an area of 1,265,452 acres. In addition to the 24,485,833 acres acres. In addition to the 24,485,833 acres entered under the various public land laws during the year, the area of commuted homesteads, final desert entries, final homesteads, and final timber culture entries, aggregated 5,647,543 acres.

Report of the Patent Commissioner. Benton J. Hall, United States Commis-Benton J. Hall, United States Commis-sioner of Patents, in his annual report, says that the total number of applications received during the year was 40,177, a decrease of \$47. The number of patents granted and trade marks and labels registered was 22,101, as against 23,217 for last year. The total re-ceipts for the year were \$1,122,944,a decrease of \$27,102. The expenditures were \$953,730, a decrease of \$27,914. The was \$169,264. On June 30 last there were 7227 cases on hand awaiting ac-Commissioner renews his recommendations of last year relative to needful legislation and again calls attention to the urgent need of increased room for his bureau.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

ONLY about one in ten die of yellow fever. A FULL sugar crop is expected in Louis

THE Afghan insurrection has been sup VANCOUVER ISLAND coal is to be mined at

the rate of 2000 tons per day.

QUERETARO, Mexico, has had rain for wenty-seven consecutive days.

THE aggregate value of the output of our mines is set down at \$538,056,345. A LONDON crank has been arrested for threatening to murder Gladstone.

It is announced that the Czar and Czarina of Russia will found a monastery in Abys-

THE New Zealand Parliament has voted to renew the contract with the Spreckels line d COLORADO is to have an observatory 156

feet nearer the stars than any other in America. A HUNTER in Clarendon County, S. C.,

shot and killed his companion, mistaking him BOLIVIA, which has a population of 2,000,000, is without a single Protestant

missionary. THE agricultural exports constitute over venty-five per cent of the entire exports of

the country. Ir is estimated that 50,000 mocking birds are caught monthly in the immediate vicinity of New Orleans.

Since the beginning of the present year, 1123 members of the Grand Army of the 4123 members of th Republic have died. An American boy is reported as baving seen shanghaied on board of a British ship

at Portland, Oregon.

The railroad from Paris to Constantinople, which has been completed, is opposed by the Turkish Government.

RALPH KING, of Kansas, aged ten, is in jail for stealing some fifty horses in the course of the past year.

Turkey is undergoing a Cabinet crisis owing to a scarcity of money in the Treasury to pay the army and navy.

It is now not only denied that the White

Pasha, of Africa, is Stanley, but denied that there is any White Pasha at all.

FLORENCE MORSE, twelve years of age, has ascended Mont Blanc. She is the youngest tourist that ever made the ascent.

FORTY-NINE suicides have occurred at Monte Carlo, the Italian gambling city, during the last two and a balf months. PENSION C MMISSIONER BLACK'S annua. report shows 60,252 new names on the rolls, during the year \$78,775,862 were paid to pen-

Numerous veins of gold, silver, copper and

load have recent y been discovered in Mon-roe, Fayette and Kanawha counties, West Virginia. THE German Government has paid \$100,000

to an Austrian engineer named Mannlicher for a patent cylinier stopper for quick-load-IMMIGRATION into Canada from Europe thus far to a year has reached 54.00). Of this number 40,000 have proceeded direct to the

United States. MARGARET FENVICAL, one of the smallest women in the world, fifty-five years of age and only thirty-four inches in height, has just died at Carlis e, Penn.

KING LEOPOLD, of Belgium, will soon visit Berlin for the purpose of conferring on a proposal to put a stop to the importation of sunpowder into the uncivilized regions of

SACRAMENTO CITY, Cal., has voted to send to Florida for 5000 wild orange trees and plant them in the streets for shade trees.

SUMMARY OF CONGRESS.

Senate Proceedings.

165TH DAY.—The Senate passed the Fortifications bill with most of the amendments recommended by the committee, and a committee of conference, consisting of Senators Dawes, Plumb and Gorman, was appointed on the disagreeing votes with the House. The amendment appropriating \$500,000 for experiments and tests and providing that the contracts for guns and breech-loading mortars shall not involve the expenditure of over \$6,000,000 was adopted.... A bill was introduced authorizing the Presi-Senate Proceedings.

was introduced authorizing the Presi-lent, in case of an outbreak of a contagious dent, in case of an outbreak of a contagious disease, to counsel the Treasury to frame regulations to prevent its introduction at ports or transmission from point to point... A bill was introduced permitting importers of goods who bond them for interior points to remove portions of the invoice at New York or other points and send the remainder to the interior under bond...The resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information regarding the transit of Canadian goods in bond through the United States was taken up for consideration.

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166TH DAY.—The Scott bill to exclude the

was taken up for consideration.

166TH DAY.—The Scott bill to exclude the Chinese entirely from this country was discussed by Messrs. George, Mitchell, Butler and Sherman, but no action was taken.

167TH DAY.—Mr. Teller spoke in favor of the bill excluding the Chinese from this country... A resolution calling on the Secretary of War for information as to the ownership of the St. Clair flats, whether the waters are in the jurisdiction of Canada or of the United States, was adopted... The bill introduced to suppress Trusts proposes the seizure and forfeiture of all shares of stock, and all property used in furtherance of the purposes of a Trust.

168TH DAY.—Mr. Sherman offered a resolution (which was adopted) requesting the President to inform the Senate whether the recent treaty with China, and the amendments adopted by the Senate, have been ratified by the Emperor of China.... When the Senate resumed consideration of the Chinese Restriction bill no Senator sought the floor, no amendment was offered to the bill, and the cuestion was announced to he on its nas-

no amendment was offered to the bill, and the question was announced to be on its pas-sage. The vote was then taken, and was unanimous. Yeasthirty-two; nays none; but as there was no quorum present the Senate adjourned, leaving the Chinese bill undis-

House Proceedings. 201st Day.—The House technically adopted the Sundry Civil Service bill, though several amendments opposed by the House were not acted upon. Its conferees were ordered to insist on the disagreement to the Senate insist on the disagreement we the congressional Library Building....The resolution extending appropriations for the government was passed....At the evening session Mr. Bingpassed...At the evening session Mr. Bingham called up the bill granting a pension of \$3500 per annum to the widow of General Philip H. Sheridan but no action was taken. Twenty-seven private pension bills were

passed.
2020 DAY.—The Retaliation bill was reported back by the Committee on Foreign Affairs and made a special order....The Senate amendment to the Sundry Civil bill in regard to the irrigation of arid lands was a compared by the pastion was taken. discussed, but no action was taken. 203p DAY.—The consideration of the Oklahoma measure prevented the consideration of the bill to authorize the President to issue of the bill to authorize the President to issue his proclamation suspending the collection of all customs duties on imports of any species of bagging and substitute therefor, suitable for wrapping cotton, and on jute butts for six months...Mr. Scott introduced a bill to exclude the Chinese from this country, which was passed...The bill to detail Army and Navy officers to educational institutions was passed...A bill was introduced by Mr. Wheeler placing cotton bagging on the free list.

204TH DAY.—The House agreed to the Army Appropriation bill conference reportMr. Kelley introduced a resolution of inquiry as to improper advances being made to Architect Smithmeyer by a member of Congress....The Retaliation bill was considered, and was advocated by Messrs. Belmont and McCreary, and opposed by Mr. Hitt.

2057H DAY.—The Retaliation bill was

again brought up for consideration, and Messrs. Scott. Phelps. Belmont, McCreary, Davis and Cogswell spoke on the measura.

A CRY FOR HELP.

Fever-Stricken Jacksonville Apeals to the Country for Aid. The following appeal to the people of the United States has been issued by the yellow

fever-stricken people of Jacksonville, Fla.: "We, the authorized representatives of the citizens of Jacksonville, recognizing the fact that the epidemic has now reached such a stage that our own funds are insuf-ficient either to cope with the many cases of absolute necessity, to engagee nurses or for the numerous other de upon us, and owing to the absence of all business, many of our ablest citizens are unable to furnish further funds, we now think we are justified in according the most able to the continuous continuous and the continuous are justified in accepting the many willing offers of aid that have been received from

you.
"We therefore wish our fellow-citizens of the "We therefore wish our fellow-citizens of the United States to know that we will gratefully receive the aid they have offered, and that any contribution will be used for the benefit of those in need and where they will do the most good. We request that any such contributions may be forwarded to James M. Schumacher, President of the First National Bank and Chairman of the Bank and Chairman

man of the Finance Committee."

A Jacksonville dispatch of the 6th says that "the cry for help has gone forth none too soon. Up to about five days ago the number of cases reported was comparatively small every day, and to all the doctors were able to give prompt attention and nurses were available. Now reports of thirty, forty and fifty a day are becoming the rule, and if the low death rate is to be maintained more doctors and nurses must be brought here at the exman of the Finance Committee. death rate is to be maintained more discors and nurses must be brought here at the ex-pense of the public. It is impossible for the doctors to properly attend all the cases pour-ing in now, and if not attended to the death-rate will go up and keep up."

Two horses belonging to Elzy Harris, o Palmer township. Ohio, were stung to death by honey bees. The bees attacked them near the hive, and in less than thirty minutes both

The wife of Anton Crislak, gave birth to four children at Duiuth, Minn., all healthy and well, two boys and two girls. Their combin n weight is 21% pounds.

THE MARKETS.

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m City Will Extra 5 00 (4 5 %)	ATLANTA, Ga., has a six-pot furnace run-
	ning on shades, chimneys and bottles,
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Oats-No. i White	Four thousand persons are employed in
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DEADLY DISASTER.

A Collision Between Two Trains in France.

The Accident Causes Many Deaths and Injuries.

A terrible railway accident occurred at half past two o'clock in the morning on the Paris, Lyons and Meditteranean line between Malain and Velars-sur-Ouche in France near the viaduct of Le Combe Fouchere. The down express No. 11, from Paris to Dijou and Lyons, which started at twenty minutes past nine P. M., was due at Dijon at a quarter past two A. M. Itran off the line, and some of the cars were thrown in a heap on to the up track.
Before news of the mishap could be sent to
Dijon the up fast train had left that station
at eleven minutes past 2, and, rushing along
at high speed, it ran into the wreck in the

at high speed, it ran into the wreck in the pitch darkness.

The collision was terrific. Both engines were smasbed to pieces. When the casualties came to be counted eighteen passengers were found dead or dying and forty others dreadfully wounded.

Both engines were hurled down an embankment, and eight cars were smashed into

pieces.

Happily there were no Americans among
the victims, but several English were
killed, namely: Miss Marriott, Mr. Barengall and Mr. Howden, an English student.
Captain Marriott was dangerously wounded.
The other victims identified so far are French

or Swiss.

An English gentleman, traveling by easy stages from a holiday trip to Italy, said: "was half asleep after a long journey, when was aroused by a violent shock. No damage was a substantial to the said that a sighting the said that a said that a sighting the said that a said that was done to my compartment, but on alighting I found myself in the midst of a ghastly scene. There was not a light anywhere, and shrieks There was not a light anywhere, and shrieks and groans came from an indistinguishable mass. Before I fairly realized the situation I was out and helping to pull the injured people from the debris of the wrecked cars, twisted axles, broken glass and panels. I can hardly tell how I spent the first hour or two after the break up. One hideous scene followed another. When day began to dawn we survivors realized the extent of the catastrophe."

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William L. Guest, of Philadelphia, said:
"I never had such an experience. How I got out of that I can't tell you. They say we ran into another train that was thrown off the track. I remember a shock and hearing horrible groans, then I fainted.

A lady had her child and husband killed beside her, but she herself escaped injury. In frenzied despair she rushed to the nearest telegraph office to wire her friends. With true official stolidity the man in charge refused to accept any message till seven o'clock. An other lady on trying to get out of the cat shrieked with fright as she stepped on the mangled body of a gentleman with whom a few minutes before she had been playfully discussing her holiday experiences." discussing her holiday experiences."

Most of the victims were taken back to
Dijon. All the passengers who were well
enough went on to Paris.

LATER NEWS.

GEORGE C. GRADY & Co., of Eastport, the largest sardine packers of Maine, have as signed to Dr. James Grady.

THE Democrats of Massachusetts met in State Convention at Springfield, and placed in nomination for Governor, William E. Russell, the young Mayor of Cambridge. The platform commends President Cleveland's financial, foreign and civil service policy, and adopts the St. Louis declaration of Democratic principles.

JAMES P. BENNETT, an extensive New York dealer in coffee and tea has failed for \$160,-000.

PROMINENT New York bankers are engaged in a great banking scheme to secure the control of the world's silver market and transfer it to the metropolis. THE Wisconsin Democratic State Conven-

James Morgan for Governor. ABE MANN, of San Francisco, cut his wife's throat in a fit of jealousy and then committed suicide. JOHN FORD, a prominent citizen of Colum-

tion assembled at Milwaukee and nominated

bus, Ind., while insane from typhoid fever killed his wife and one child and severely wounded another child. Louis Larson, a factory operative in Chicago, went into an iron cylinder to clear it, taking a lighted candle and a bucket of

benzine. He soon screamed. The cylinder was filled with flame. No help could reach him, and he was roasted to death. THE State Convention of Colorado Repub licans was convoked in Denver, and on the fifth ballot J. A. Cooper received the nomi-

nation for Governor. SECRETARY FAIRCHILD has decided to award the contract for the construction of the Brooklyn postoffice building to Mr. Gallagher of that city at his bid of \$860,000.

THE transfer of Lieutenant-Colonel Thos. M. Vincent from St. Paul to Washington under an order issued by the War Department, means that he will be made Assistant Adjutant-General to the new commander of the army, General Schofield.

HAVANA, Cuba, was swept by a disastrou cyclone. Several vessels foundered in the harbor, and two sailors were drowned. Many persons were injured. Many street lamps walls, trees and fences were blown down, and much damage was done to wharves.

THE LABOR WORLD.

GERMANY has 138,695 iron workers. THE Lyons, France, hatmakers have gone

THE wage-workers of Massachusetts have \$206,000,000 in the banks. THERE are very few idle workmen in the ountry excepting tramps. In the United States there are altogether

ater works get: \$1 per day for Italians to hom he pays but sixty cents. three and seventy-seven years, were Beelin, it seems, has gradually become be headquarters of the carved wood indus-ry, supplanting Switzerland. elso present. FIVE thousand miners in the Newcastle istrict. Sydney, New South Wales, have truck for an advance in wages.

A GOOD green-glass blower gets \$25 a week, at the work is so unhealthy that few old men are found among the workers. THE British steelmakers are experiencing a beavy demand for all kinds of material and

Chirese laundries, and pays out over \$100,-000 annually to Mongotians to have its wash-THE workingmen of the town of Grafton, Mass, have bought 100 tons of coal on the co-operative plan, and have saved about

THE Alaska Commercial Company's steamer St. Paul his arrivel at Sin Francisco with he season's capture of furs on St. George and St. Paul is ands, the estimated value of

THE NATIONAL GAME.

THE Brooklyns are weak at the bat, GEORGE GORE'S hand is well again. SAM WISE will be released by Boston. PITTSBURG is endeavoring to sell Maul. Pertsburg will clear about \$5000 this sea-

THE Athletics have a new uniform of navy THERE will be no more Sunday games at

Boston and New York are playing the best ball in the League.

THE release of "Phenomenal" Smith, of Baltimore, is for sale.

No catcher can gather flies in better style than Daly, of Chicago. GOMER PRICE, an old ball player, died recently at Scranton, Penn. FRED DUNLAP, of Pittsburg, is again laid

It now looks like New York and St. Louis for the world's championship.

NICOL, of Cincinnati, leads both the League

and Association in stolen bases. PITCHER MEADE, of Harvard College, is now a full-fledged professional. ESTERBROOK and Shomberg have been re-eased from the Indianapolis Club.

Browning, of Louisville, never before had to low a batting average as this season. ROGER CONNOR, of New York, swings the seaviest bat of any player in the League.

MILWAUKER claims to have the best base running team in the Western Association. PITCHER DUCK, of Sandusky. Ohio, had several ribs broken in a collision a week aga. WORCESTER, Mass., is mentioned as a likely Association city in case of a vacancy. York players who have made over 100 base

MULLANE, of Cincinnati, has lost every-

Hoy, Washington's deaf mute player, has Mike Kelly. In Boston they consider one victory over hiladelphia as good as two over any other

eague club. BAKELY'S feat of shutting out the Cincinnatis two successive days breaks the record in the Association. BALTIMORE is fast losing its grip as a base-

ball city. Six hundred has been the average attendance this season. THERE are but three real out-and-out fiftycent ball towns in the country—Chicago, Boston and New York, In Boston this year the Philadelphias have frawn the largest and the Pittsburgs the smallest crowds of the season.

THE Cubian Giants have won the colored championship. The prize, which is a silver ball, has been presented to them. ALDRICH, of Kalamazoo, Mich., has proba-

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PROMINENT PEOPLE.

JUSTICE LAMAR is a famous horseman. MRS. CLEVELAND is an expert lawn tennis THE Shah of Persia is making a tour of

REPRESENTATIVE CRAIN is the only native Texan in Congress.

LORD TENNYSON has passed his eightieth

Milan, of Servia is said to be financially the poorest King living.

The Duke of Argyle has declared himself to be in favor of cremation. ear with a light heart, Mrs. Sheridan, widow of the General, has Cherokee blood in her veins.

WENDELL PHILLIPS' body lies in an unmarked grave at Milton, Mass. A son of President Tyler has been chosen President of William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va. MRS. HOPKINS-SEARLE has bought \$250,000

worth of paintings in Paris for her mansion at Great Barrington, Mass. AMELIE RIVES CHANLER, the Virginia authoress, receives about thirty letters a day from admirers of her works.

press Company, has sailed for Europe, where will organize an express system. MR. WHITEBREAD, a member of the English Parliament, is said to make over \$1,000,000 per year from his beer brewery. LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL is an enthusi-

astic student of Gibbon, and can repeat by heart long passages of the "Decline and Fall THE Queen of Spain has set her heart upon making St. Sebastian, on the Spanish coast, an Autumn resort of the fashionable worlds of all nations. EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH, of Austria,

takes beer at luncheon, a limited amount of champagne at dinner and smokes the com-monest kind of cigars. PRINCESS BEATRICE, daughter of Queen Victorin, has sent some of her own musical compositions to the exhibition of woman's in-

du tries in Sydney, Australia. EMPEROR WILLIAM II. of Germany has a passion for having his photographs taken. Since his accession to the throne he has flooded Germany with his pictures. THE Earl of Rosslyn is a candidate for

laureate laurels. Queen Victoria has approved of his two somets on the death of Emperor Frederick and "commanded" him to publish them. MRS. CARLISLE, who is keeping house at MRS. CARLISLE, who is keeping house at Washington for the first time, enjoys having guests at dinner, and the Speaker has instructions to bring home friends with him in the afternoon when the house is not full of

and New Jersey, is sixty-six years old, is reputed to be worth \$2,000,000 and lives at Bridgeport, Conn. An interesting family reunion was held at Davisville, R. I., recently by the descendants of Mrs. Elcy Chase Vaughn, who assembled at the residence of her eldest son to celebrate her ninety-seventh birthday. Early in the day her children, grandchildren, and their families began to arrive, until by noon she had gathered about her a party of seventy-eight, five generations being represented. Two of

her sisters, aged respectively ninety-

THE total area under cultivation in corn, wheat, rye, and oats in the United States this year is about 140,000,000 acres, or nearly 219,000 square miles. This is less than half the 322,000,000 acres of public lands which have not St. Louis has no less than seventy-eight yet been surveyed, much of which is well adapted to the cultivation of the cereals. The crop possibilities of this country are far from having reached their maximum.

> THERE are only eight towns in the nited States the n m s of which begin with X. Sev.n of these are Xenias and the other is Xenophon.

TOAD LORE.

SUPERSTITIONS CONCERNING THIS REPTILE.

Given an Odious Reputation in the Mythology of All Races-Medieval Legends-The Miser

and the Toads.

The personal appearance of the toad

is such as to have given it a bad place in the mythology of all races, says C. G. Leland. The Algonkin Indians—who, like Napoleon and Slawkenbergius, were great admirers of men with fine bold noses-after having studied the plane physiognomy of the toad, decided that it indicated all the vices, and made of the creature the mother of all the witches. Nothing could have been more condemnatory; since in their re-ligion—as in that of the Acadians, Laps and Eskimos-a dark and horrible sorcery, in which witches conciliated evil spirits, was believed to have preceded their own nobler Shamanism, by which these enemies of mankind were forced or conquered by magic. Once the Great Toad had, as she thought, succeeded in organizing a conspiracy by which Gloos-kap, the Shamanic god of Nature, was to be destroyed. Then he passed his hand over her face and that of her fellow conspirator, the Porcupine; and from that time forth their noses were flat, to the great scorn of all honest, well-beaked Indians. The old Persians made the toad the

symbol and pet of Ahriman, the foe of light, and declared that his Charfester, or attendant demons, took that form when they persecuted Ormuzd. Among the Tyrolese it is a type of envy; whence the proverb, "Envious as a toad." In the middle ages, among artists and in many church legends, it appears as greed or avarice; there is even to this day, in some mysterious place on the right bank of the Khine between Laufenberg and Binzgau, a pile of coals on which sits a toad. That is to say, coals they seem to the world. But the pile is all pure gold, and the toad guards it; and he who and the total guards it; and he who knows how can pronounce a spell which shall ban the grim guardian. And there is a story told by Menzel that long ago there lived in Cologne a wicked miser, who when old repented and wished to leave his money to the poor. But when he opened his great iron chest he found that every coin in it had turned to a horrible toad with sharp teeth. This story being told to his confessor, the priest saw in it divine retribution, and told him that God would have none of his money—nay, that it would go hard with him to save his soul. And he being willing to do anything to be free of sin was locked up in the chest with the toads; and lo! the next day when it was opened the creatures had eaten him Only his clean-picked bones remained. But in the Tyrol it is believed that the

toads are themselves poor sinners, under-going penance for deeds done in human form. Therefore they are regarded with pity and sympathy by all. The general belief is that toads are, for the most part, people who made vows to go on pil-grimages, and died with the vows un-fulfilled. So the poor creatures go hopping astray, bewildered and perplexed, striving to find their way to shrines which have perchance long since ceased to exist. Once there was a toad who took seven years to go from Leifers to Weissenstein; and when the creature reached the church it suddenly changed to a resplendent white dove, which, flying up to heaven, vanished before the eyes of a large company there assembled, who bore witness to the miracle. And one day as a wagoner was going from Innsbruck to Seefeld, as he paused by the wayside, a toad came hopping up and seemed to be desirous of getting into the wagon; which he, being a benevelent man, helped it to do, and gave it a place on the seaf beside him. There it sat like any other respectable passenger until they came to the side path which leads to the church of Seefield, when, wonderful to relate, the toad suddenly turned to a maiden of angelie beauty. clad in white, who, thanking the JOHN HOEY, President of the Adams Ex-press Company, has sailed for Europe, where she was but a poor reptile, told him she had once been a young lady who had vowed a pilgrimage to the church of Seefeld. But as heedless maids often do, she had put it off from time to time till she died. But now, by his help, her soul was saved. And, saying this, she too winged her way "to the joyous too winged her way realm where the pure dwellers are. In common with the frog, the toad is

passion. I have in my possession a necklace of rudely made silver toads of Arab workmanship, intended to be worn by women who wish to become mothers.

Therefore, the creature, in the old world as well as in the new, appears as a being earnestly seeking the companionship of men. Thus it happened to a youth of Aramsach, near Kattenberg, that, being one day in a lonely place by a lake, there looked up at him from the water a being somewhat like a maid but more like a hideous toad, with whom he entered into conversation; which be ame at last friendly and agreeable, for the strange creature talked exceeding y well. Then she, thinking he might be hungry, asked him if he would fain have anything in particular to eat. He mentioned in jest kind of cakes: whereupon diving into the lake she brought some up, which he GENERAL CURTIS, the American Party's CENERAL CURTIS, the American cheery candidate for President, is bright and cheery and evidently sincere. He is interested in various steel companies in New York City various steel companies in New York City ate. So he met her many times; and whenever he wished for arything, no matter what, she got it for h m from the waters: the end of it all being that, despite her appalling ugliness, the youth fell in love with her and offered mariage, to which she joyfully consented. But no sooner had the ceremony been performed than she changed to a lady of wonderful beauty: and, taking him by the hand, she conducted him to the lake, into which she led him, and "in this life they were seen never more." This legend evidently properly belongs to frog According to one version, the toad after marriage goes to a lake, washes away her ugliness, and returns as a beauty with the bridegroom to his castle, where they live in perfect happiness.

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An Evil Prophecy About Books. "Second-hand book stores are inreasing," said a gentleman, "and several

g ntlemen are making collections of old books. Some buy any books ust so they are old and others make special selections. New books are almost as cheap as old ones. Neither are in great demand; the newspapers of to-day publish all that is valuable, part, present and future. Quarterlies crowded out books; magazines made way with the quarterlies, and now the new-papers have lmost filled the place of the magazines, there not being so many of these as there were before the war, a quarter of a century ago. As soon as capable press and ink are invented to print at high speed accurately the fin lines of an engraver, then the fine i lus rations of the magazines will appear in the dailies and the former will fade away."-